

## **SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WITHHOLDING PLAN**

- The withholding in the Department of Corrections is \$6.4 million, which is 1.3 percent of the department's general revenue budget (1.9 percent of its reserve base).
- This withholding will not result in offenders being released early from correctional institutions or community supervision.
- Current front-line Correctional Officers will not be eliminated or reduced. Corrections will continue to fill open Correctional Officer positions. Sufficient staffing of Correctional Officer positions is key to maintaining safety within institutions and reducing mandatory overtime hours for current officers.
- There is no withholding on inmate food, clothing, or mental/medical health services.
- Local Sentencing Initiatives programs will remain at current service levels.
- No withholdings will impact inmate drug testing or restorative justice programs.
- The full opening of Missouri's newest correctional center, the Eastern Reception and Diagnostic Correctional Center (Bonne Terre), will remain on schedule to open its reception and diagnostic center early in 2003 and additional housing units before the end of the fiscal year.
- \$6.4 million will be saved through administrative vacancies and reductions in expense and equipment purchases.